

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-4390)

DATE: 3/13/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: LIBERAL CLUB
MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY

On 2/21/68 WILLIAM F. YOUNGSON, Director of Security, Memphis State University (MSU), orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

ABDUL MASSAREUH, MSU student, recently ousted as President of the Liberal Club in a trumped-up election spearheaded by militants LAURA INGRAM, GEORGE LEONE, WALTER MIMS ELLIS, and PAMELA CONCKLIN, is furious. He claims this group is subversive. ABDUL said they have ordered or obtained some subversive literature for distribution on campus and are going to work with the Black Power group on campus.

YOUNGSON said there is much more veiled black militancy on campus, that nearly every night in the Student Center 200 to 300 Negro students gather in one corner of the Student Center. A lot of these do not appear to be students. YOUNGSON and his force do not have authority to escort non-students off the campus.

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1-100-4046 - SSOC
1-134-452-Sub

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1-157-109 - SNCC

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1-157-1092 - Sanitation Workers Strike, Memphis, Tenn.

1-66-1687-Sub - Dissemination File

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On 2/23/68 [redacted] advised that the Liberal Club at Memphis State University met on the night of 2/22/68; that LAURA INGRAM, who led the recent coup of election of new officers, ousting ABDUL SALAMY MASSAREUH as President, seemed scared when confronted by MASSAREUH. He contested the election, whereby she, WALTER MIMS ELLIS, GEORGE LEONE, and PAMELA CONCKLIN were elected, and will take his case before the Student Government Association and Student Supreme Court. INGRAM is contentious, belligerent, but inexperienced.

About seven Negroes were present, including Black Student Association (BSA) leader EDWINA JEANETTA HARRELL, RONALD LEWIS IVY, and MORGAN McCRAW, along with a large Negro male with a Van Dyke beard. Two or three male Negroes wore Army type field jackets. EDWINA HARRELL was friendly with but obviously suspicious of whites. JIMMY ADAMS, white male, MSU student, a cheerleader, was there. He obviously was there on behalf of someone in the administration. He lives in the Paddock Apartments near the railroad underpass on Central Avenue.

PAMELA CONCKLIN, WALTER MIMS ELLIS, and GEORGE LEONE were there.

The Negroes indicated they are working with LAURA INGRAM to form a three-way "alliance" or "united front" involving the Abortive Student Alliance, Black Student Association, and Liberal Club.

INGRAM said the Student Alliance is not dead.

IRA WEINSTOCK was there. He bragged he had gone to Nashville the previous week end to pick up some SSOC literature.

Both EDWINA HARRELL and MORGAN McCRAW, on hearing this, said they wanted to go to Nashville and visit the SSOC house at 1703 Portland Avenue.

The Liberal Club will next meet in Room 158 of Administration Building, Thursday night, 2/29/68.

LAURA INGRAM, JIM WALKER COOPER, and others will go to see Dean of Students JESSE PARRISH, 2/23/68, re the contesting of the election of the Liberal Club officers. No constructive activity took place.

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EDWINA HARRELL urged all present to participate in a mass downtown march at noon, Saturday, 2/24/68, in support of the sanitation workers strike.

JIMMY ADAMS was heard to say that EDWINA HARRELL bragged that she wanted to hurry home as her mother was going to the airport to meet STOKELY CARMICHAEL and take him to her home. It was felt she had been "putting ADAMS on"; nevertheless this information was orally furnished to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department.